3rd April, 1988 to the effect that a World Health Organisation team which toured India recently to evaluate cancer relief programme has urged the Government to relax drug laws to help cancer patients; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) The Government of India gave permission to the visit of India, by the following two temporary WHO Advisers on Cancer Pain Relief Programme during March, 1988.

(i) Dr. Fumikazu Takada, Saltama, JAPAN.

(ii) Prof. Charies Cleeland, Wisconsin, USA.

They were accompanied by the following experts in Cancer Pain Relief;

(i) Dr. Robert Kalko, Connecticut, USA.

(ii) Mr. George Heidrick, Wisconsin, USA.

The team has not submitted any report to Government so far.

Banning of strikes by teachers and students

993. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received suggestions recently from Members of Parliament urging the Central Government to ensure that strikes by teachers students and workers in schools and colleges and other educational instituions must be strictby banned; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

Airport at Nariman Point, Bombay

994. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI:
SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:
SHRI KAMAL MORARKA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether an expert committee has been set up to examine the proposal to establish Short Take Off and Landing (STOL) airport at Nariman Point in Bombay in addition to the existing airport; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) On a suggestion that there should be a STOLPORT in Bombay City, the International Airports Authority of India has constituted a Committee of officers of the I.A.A.I., D.G.C.A., Vayudoot, Pawan Hans, etc. to examine the preposition in all its aspects.

Improvement in in-flight kitchen service

995. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps recently to improve its in-flight kitchen services on the IA and AI; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Delay in approval of design of box Wagons

996. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:

SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an abnormal delay on the part of Railways approving the design of box wagons for transporting bulk commodities; and

(b) if so, what are the details, thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Increase in domestic air fares

997. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase air fares in its domestic sector in near future; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Indian Airlines has proposed rationalisation of fares which is under examination.

Educational technology scheme

998. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had launched an educational technology scheme to supply one lakh TV sets and five lakh radio-cum-cassette players to primary and upper primary schools in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details of the scheme; and when it has been launched; and

(c) what is the present stage of its implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Centrally sponsored scheme for Educational Technology started in 87-88 envisages supply of T.V. sets and Radio-cum-Cassette Players to 1,00,000 and 5,00,000 elementary schools respectively in a phased manner during 1987-88, 1988-89 and 1989-90. 75 per cent cost of TV sets and 100 per cent cost of Radio-cum-Cassette Players will be borne by the Central Government.

In the INSAT States, i.e. Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Maharashtra; Oissa and Uttar Pradesh and also in other Hindi speaking States where the educational programmes (TV) are already being telecast regularly, the State Governments were requested to cover all the suitable schools in a particular block/district proposed for coverage instead of scattering the distribution of TV sets among a large number of block/districts. For being given a TV set under the scheme the school should have at least two class rooms, electricity and two teachers. Also the school should be